

Biographic Data - Cuba (U)

23 Dec 1962

(U) NAME: Fidel CASTRO Ruz (Major)

(U) POSITION: Prime Minister of Cuba.

(U) BIRTH: 13 August 1926, Oriente Province.

(U) FAMILY: Married Mirta Diaz Balart in the late 1940's and has one son, Fidel CASTRO Diza. Later Fidel was divorced and former wife is now married to Emilio NUNEZ Blanco, son of Emilio NUNEZ Portuondo, former Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations under BATISTA.

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION & TRAVEL: Received his secondary education at the Jesuit-run Colegio Belen in Havana, and later received a law degree from the University of Havana. Subject has travelled in Mexico, the United States, and several Latin American countries.

(U) LANGUAGES: Spanish

(U) RELIGION: Ex-communicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

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(U) DECORATIONS: Lenin Peace Prize.

(U) UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA: The olive green fatigue worn with the visored cap is the most popular uniform of the Revolutionary Army. Insignia of a Major is a gold star worn on the shoulder epaulet.

(U) POLITICS: Subject is an admitted Marxist-Leninist; his loyalties are apparently with Russian Communism, though some advisers are sympathetic with the hard-line Chinese.

(U) PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Castro is a tall, powerfully built man, said to have a violent and dominating character, exhibiting certain emotional instabilities during time of stress. While motivated by certain ideals, he is at the same time opportunistic and capricious, with a driving urge for fame and political power.